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Today's Topics:

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          qsl route for 9A30K

          Replacing my CSCE...

        the newspaper at UofT - contributions welcome

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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official  
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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Date: 21 Sep 93 16:27:58 GMT  
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu  
Subject: Alkaline rechargeable batteries (AGAIN!)

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Here we go again.....

In the October 1993 issue of '73 Amateur Radio Today' on page 8,  
there is an announcement that Rayovac Corporation has a new and  
improved alkaline cell that is rechargeable.

The product is named 'Renewal' and boasts 3 times the life of a NiCd  
when new, however, the cycle-hours decrease to about the same as a NiCd

after about 25 charges. This new battery can also hold a charge for 5 years and is not supposed to show any of the 'memory-effect' of NiCds. (don't flame me for use of \*that\* term/phrased, I'm just reporting what is says in the announcement :- )

'73' credits the announcement to the publication:

'Electronic Products, No. 3, August, 1993'

I do not know anything else about this product, nor have I seen it, or have I seen an ad for it by Rayovac, either!

Rick DuBrava, N2JPQ

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Date: 21 Sep 93 09:39:30 GMT
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Subject: ANARTS RTTY NEWS777 19/9/93
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu
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[ ANARTS - Australian National Amateur Radio Teletype Society ]

ANARTS NEWS BULLETIN 777 19/9/93

#### SUNDAY BROADCAST SCHEDULES.

3.545 mhz	0930 utc	VK2BQS (Jim)
7.045 mhz -3	0030 utc	VK2CTD (COL)
14.070 mhz (amtorg/fec)	0030 utc	No operator available
14.091 mhz	0030 utc	VK2BQS (JIM)
146.675 mhz	0030/0930 utc	VK2JPA (PAT)
144.850 mhz (ax25 bbs)		VK2JPA AT VK2RWI
146.675 mhz (rtty mmbbs/repeater)		VK2RTY

Views expressed in this news bulletin are not necessarily those of the Broadcast Officer, the Relay Officers, or of the Society.

#### CONTEST COMMENTS 1993

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Announcing Plaque winners for the ANARTS WW RTTY CONTEST held

in June 1993.

#### Classification.

(A) Single Operator (One Xmitter) : VK2KM (Karl)

Score : 4,487,616 Points.

(B) Multi Operator (One Xmitter) : VK2RT (Bruce)  
with Second Operator Benjamin Beresford, Chris VK2BYI,  
Ian VK2IE.

Score : 4,836,000 Points.

(C) SWL : ONL383 (Jean-Jacques)

Score : 639,480 Points.

Congratulations to all these winners, they performed magnificently.

Certificate Winners for first, second and third places in Countries and appropriate Call Areas will be announced in due course. Probably in conjunction with the despatch of result sheets to all contestants.

Some comments made in the logs make interesting reading and a few are shown below:

JA3DLE/1 Band conditions bad year by year, but enjoyed contest very much every time. I really want more VK participants.....SM6BSK It is a very friendly contest.....ONL383 73 QRO to all HAMS and SWLs in VK.....BT2000BJ Am probably the first China station in ANARTS contest.....W9FFQ had fun. It was a great contest but conditions were very poor.....G4SKA weather wet and windy, open wire feeder broke Saturday, fixed on Sunday in rain, Sunday evening the centre link broke and it fell down. Never mind, there is always next year...

And for some statistics on the participation:-

	1992	1993	Increase.
	====	====	=====
Competition Logs Received	29	47	62%
QSOs Recorded	2225	5115	130%
Approx QSO Pts Scored	13 million	29 million	123%
Average QSOs per log	77	109	42%

Some of the increases recorded would be due to the unfortunate change of date last year which was due to overseas generated publicity, but nevertheless it is very heartening to

see the build-up.

The data needed to give an accurate participation figure world-wide is not available, however we can make certain statements;

1. It has been proved that the minimum number of participants (i.e. stations who exchanged messages in contest format) would have been 302.

2. It can be demonstrated that most probably the number of participants would have been about 450 stations.

3. It is possible that as many as 600 stations participated

Regarding 3., an unknown factor affecting this figure is, for instance, that in the USA many stations use contest events as a means of building up contacts for Awards such as WAS or WAC, and many just enjoy the flurry of contest operation as a short term relaxation. To extract the sort of data required to give projections of that activity is just too time consuming, so we needs must be satisfied with what we have.

One last figure, in 1992 we had 5 VK logs submitted (one was a W3/VK). This year we had 6 VK logs of which 2 won their classifications. Only one of the 1992 entrants fronted up again in 1993. However, it has been established that at least 12 VKs participated this year and observation has shown some additional interest. Are these figures good enough, and/or can we assume some increase in activity because obviously new blood is moving into the contest arena....food for thought.

de VK2BQS (Jim) ANARTS Contest Manager

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CQ/RTTY Journal WW RTTY Contest September 25-26 (cont.)

Modes: Contacts may be made using Baudot (RTTY), ASCII, Amtor (FEC and ARQ), and Packet. (No unattended operation or contacts through gateways or digipeaters.)

Valid contacts: A given station may be contacted only once per band, regardless of the digital mode employed. Additional contacts are allowed with the same station on each of the other bands.

Exchange: Stations within the 48 Continental United States and the 13 Canadian areas must transmit RST + State or VE area + CQ Zone number. All other stations must transmit RST + CQ Zone number.

Countries: The ARRL and WAE DX Country lists will be used. NOTE: USA states and Canada areas also count as country multipliers. Example: The first US State and Canadian area you work not only counts as a multiplier for the state or area but will also count as a country multiplier for each band.

More next week

A great contest. Be in it.

#### IPS weekly report

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10 September - 16 September 1993

Issue no.: 38

Date of issue: 17 September 1993

Date	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10cm	79	79	79	80	82	85	88
A	04	06	13	61	29	18	(05 estimated)
T	38	37	34	20	14	30	30

#### Summary of activity

Solar activity was very low 10th-15th September, and low on 16th.

The geomagnetic field at Learmonth (WA) was quiet 10th-12th, except for a short unsettled period on 11th. From 1200 UT on 12th, the field was at unsettled to minor storm levels, increasing to active to major storm levels on 13th, and active to minor storm levels on 14th until 1800 UT when the field returned to quiet to unsettled conditions until the end of the period.

Ionospheric F2 critical frequencies at Sydney were mostly depressed by up to 10-40 per cent with a low of 60 percent below monthly predicted values on 14th. Severe spread F was observed 1100-1300 UT on 13th, and there was sporadic E blanketing at 1900 UT on 14th September.

Comment:

Significant coronal hole sourced disturbance observed 13th and 14th. HF communications were significantly degraded during this period. During the period September 11-14, no sunspots were observed on the solar surface - the first time this situation has occurred on this side of solar maximum. Periods of no sunspots like this indicate that solar minimum is likely within three years.

Forecast for the next week (17 - 23 September)

Solar : Low.

Geomagnetic: Mostly quiet, possible mild recurrent disturbance September 23 (active levels).

Ionospheric: Generally good HF conditions for coming week. Slight degradations possible on September 23-24.

Courtesy of IPS Radio and Space Services

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VK2SG RTTY DX NOTES 10 SEPT '93

VK2SG RTTY DXNOTES WEEKENDING 10 SEPT 1993 (BID RTDX0910)

OUR INFORMATION THIS WEEK CAME FROM: 9X5LJ, CE3GDN, DJ3IW AND THE CENTRAL EUROPE DX-CLUSTER NODE DB0SPC, I5FLN, I5ICY, IK1HSR, KE6XJ, W2JGR AND THE NJ0M NODE TWIN-CITIES DX PACKET CLUSTER NETWORK, WA1MPB AND ZS5S. THANK YOU ALL.

BANDPASS

FRIDAY 3

0720-14083	7Z2AB	QSL AA0BC
1218-14087	Z32JA	
1503-14084	9N1HL	
1602-21085	V51GB	
1633-14083	5X1C	
1650-14083	Z32JA	
1725-14086	9N1HL	
1855-14085	LY2ZZ	
2100-14090	HK0DPA	
2116-14084	9G1XA	
2219-14087	TA5C	
2254-14081	C06RR	
2254-14087	VE8MN	
2257-14088	HR1FMH	

2301-14091 HK0DPA

SATURDAY 4

0623-14084 UN7PEG  
0629-14083 9N1HL  
0634-14088 SV1BJV  
0722-14081 ET3YU QSL BOX 60349 ADDIS ABEBA  
0723-14085 XT2BW  
0830-14085 ZC4SC QSL G4SGD  
1204-14083 C06RR  
1253-21082 ET3YU  
1258-21082 7Q7LA  
1325-14085 SV5BYR  
1331-14084 OM3LA  
1423-14083 9N1HL  
1525-14085 9M2RS  
1636-14086 Z32JA  
1650-14084 YP7SYO FER PREFIX QSL Y07CKQ  
1817-21086 OM3CPS  
1823-14082 YL2BD  
1951-14083 C6ANX  
2002-14089 OM3CPS  
2030-14081 SV5TS  
2035-14084 HG32FC FER PREFIX  
2055-14085 S51GL  
2139-21087 9Y4/N9FTC

SUNDAY 5

0714-14086 EA6VS  
0719-14083 EA6MQ  
1203-14087 OK1MP  
1207-21088 UN5PR  
1216-14084 C06RR  
1429-14085 JT3SDX QSL JR0CGJ  
1444-14083 BY1QH

1448-21085 7Q7ZZ QSL JA1UMN  
1630-14085 5B4VX  
1831-14084 7Z2AB  
2022-14086 IS0HMB  
2052-14088 NP2EG

MONDAY 6

0225-14086 C06RR  
0227-14086 HI3AB  
0345-14082 AH9B QSL OKDXA, BOX 88, WELLSTON, OK 74881  
0807-14081 OM3LU  
0816-14084 OK1AGA

1308-21087 ET3YU  
1138-21070 VQ9IO ARQ  
1726-14088 5B4VX  
1731-21085 9G1XA

TUESDAY 7

1334-21086 ZC4EPI  
1359-14087 EA6MR  
1402-14085 OM3LA  
1628-14090 9H1ET  
1649-21086 ZC4ML  
2336-14085 EA8EV  
2340-14090 HK0DPA

WEDNESDAY 8

0007-14084 OK1AJN  
0010-14088 HK0DPA  
0010-14088 FG5FI  
0018-14083 C06RR  
0023-14083 FM5GN  
1409-14083 HL5AWS  
1410-14087 ZC4EPI  
1410-14087 ZC4ML  
1630-14089 5B4VX  
1643-14086 Z32JA

THURSDAY 9

1233-14085 VK6HD  
1312-14083 BY1QH  
1314-14083 HL9KU SEE NOTE  
1406-14090 GM0/WN1G  
1513-14084 A45XC  
1517-14084 HC7SK  
1519-14089 C06RR  
1522-14090 EA6VS  
1602-14087 VU2RAK  
1632-14083 FR5FR  
1737-14088 5B4VX

NOTES OF INTEREST.

IN LAST WEEKS NOTES QSL ROUTE FOR HL9KU SHOULD HAVE BEEN VIA  
N7NMR NOT N7NM.

GIBRALTER, ZB2. ZB2/SM4DHF WILL BE ACTIVE 22-28 SEPTEMBER AND  
WILL BE IN THE CQ WORLD WIDE RTTY CONTEST 25TH AND 26TH. QSL  
VIA HOME CALL.

MELLISH REEF, VK9M. WITH ABOUT ONLY 9 DAYS TO GO ALL IS ON



SCHEDULE FOR THIS 19-28 SEPT. OPERATION. THE GROUP SHOULD ARRIVE IN AUSTRALIA AND DEPART NO LATER THAN THE 15TH. RTTY IS INCLUDED. QSL VIA VK4CRR.

ERITREA. THE DXAC VOTED 16 TO 0 TO REINSTATE ERITREA TO THE DXCC COUNTRIES LIST. THE VOTE FOR STARTING DATES WERE, MAY 24, 1993 9, MAY 24 1991 6, AND APRIL 27, 1991 1. THE BALLOTS HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO THE ARRL AWARDS COMMITTEE FOR THEIR ACTION.

CHINA, BT2000BJ. FROM BEIJING THEY ASK FOR YOUR PATIENCE ON THE QSL'S BECAUSE OF HEAVY SCHOOL SCHEDULE. HOPE TO HAVE THEM ALL OUT BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

SEND YOUR BANDPASS AND NOTES FOR NEXT WEEK TO LUCIANO, I5FLN AT ZS5S.ZAF.AF.

REMEMBER, DX DON'T SLEEP.  
GL DE BOB, WB2CJL AT CE3GDN.&STGO.CHL.SA

(VIA HF AMTOR)

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Coming events  
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September	25th-26th	CQ/RTTY Journal RTTY Contest
October	16th-17th	JARTS WW RTTY Contest
November	13th-14th	WAE RTTY Contest

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Society information

The Society may be contacted at : PO Box 860, Crows Nest 2065 Australia, for such matters as membership and general enquiries. Enquiries can also be made by packet to the President (Col) VK2CTD, or the Secretary (Pat) VK2JPA @ VK2RWI

News items may be sent to Broadcast Officer PO Box 60 Blacktown 2148 Australia, or by packet to VK2JPA @ VK2RWI.  
The Internet address for the Broadcast Officer is :

patl(at)conmusic.pitt.su.oz.au

(this address has changed now my workplace has its own LAN).

The Society welcomes news items on any digital subjects from

anywhere in the broadcast footprint. We are looking forward to news from your areas to let other amateurs know what you are doing in the hobby. Hope to hear from you.

73s de Pat VK2JPA Broadcast Officer

That concludes ANARTS NEWS BULLETIN 777 19/9/93.  
Inserted by VK2BQS (Jim) Vice-President ANARTS.

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Dave Horsfall (VK2KFU)      VK2KFU @ VK2RWI.NSW.AUS.OC      PGP 2.3  
dave@esi.COM.AU            ...munari!esi.COM.AU!dave      available

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Date: 21 Sep 93 16:17:22 GMT  
From: psinntp!sunsvr6!jdc@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: Better HTX-202 gotchya  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

The Radio Shack 2-meter handheld has a nifty feature. After purchasing a used one with a weak NI-CAD pack, I pushed 'talk' when the battery was a little too low...

The LCD display went entirely blank. "Aha," I thought, "the pack is totally dead." Not so... The control microprocessor must have been confused, since the radio continued to transmit, even after the push-to-talk button was released!!! Good thing it wasn't connected to the 8-element quagi antenna on the roof.

I can reliably reproduce this on my HTX-202. Anybody else have this happen? Are there other handheld-transceivers that get real flakey on a low battery?

73...Jim  
N2VNO

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Date: 21 Sep 93 13:48:37 GMT  
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu  
Subject: Daily Solar Geophysical Data Broadcast for 20 September  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

!!BEGIN!! (1.0) S.T.D. Solar Geophysical Data Broadcast for DAY 263, 09/20/93  
10.7 FLUX=079.7    90-AVG=095            SSN=019            BKI=0014 3434    BAI=014  
BGND-XRAY=A4.1    FLU1=1.4E+06    FLU10=1.5E+04    PKI=1114 4434    PAI=017  
BOU-DEV=002,004,009,050,025,048,029,050    DEV-AVG=027 NT    SWF=00:000

XRAY-MAX= B1.2 @ 0401UT XRAY-MIN= A2.9 @ 2310UT XRAY-AVG= A6.2  
NEUTN-MAX= +004% @ 0755UT NEUTN-MIN= -001% @ 2035UT NEUTN-AVG= +0.9%  
PCA-MAX= +0.0DB @ 2355UT PCA-MIN= -0.3DB @ 2135UT PCA-AVG= -0.0DB  
BOUTF-MAX=55367NT @ 0906UT BOUTF-MIN=55319NT @ 1746UT BOUTF-AVG=55354NT  
GOES7-MAX=P:+000NT@ 0000UT GOES7-MIN=N:+000NT@ 0000UT G7-AVG=+070,+000,+000  
GOES6-MAX=P:+130NT@ 1638UT GOES6-MIN=N:-075NT@ 2211UT G6-AVG=+085,-013,-042  
FLUXFCST=STD:085,085,085;SESC:085,085,085 BAI/PAI-FCST=010,010,010/018,012,012  
KFCST=2123 3222 2124 4112 27DAY-AP=005,004 27DAY-KP=1113 2112 2002 1111  
WARNINGS=  
ALERTS=  
!!END-DATA!!

NOTE: The Effective Sunspot Number for 19 SEP 93 was 44.0.  
The Full Kp Indices for 19 SEP 93 are: 2- 1o 2- 2+ 1- 2- 1+ 1o

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Date: 21 Sep 93 15:01:58 GMT  
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu  
Subject: need expert info on nicads.  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Cliff Sharp <clifto@indep1.chi.il.us> asks:-

>>nice clean filtered DC to charge them. Use offset AC, same as the  
>>electro-platers do to get a smooth hard plating. The reversal of current  
>>will remove any dendrite in short order.  
>  
> Any suggestions as to waveform, frequency, etc.? I've been experimenting  
>with 60Hz AC, with the reverse current 1/10 of the forward current on the  
>negative half-cycles, and not having a lot of luck with it. (The 1/10 figure  
>was taken from a short article in NASA Tech Briefs some years ago.)  
>

Try half-wave rectified 60Hz. My trick is to place a 12-volt 0.06a  
pilot-bulb in parallel with the diode when charging a bank of 4AH Nicads;  
the bulb will permit a slight discharge between each charging pulse thru the  
diode.

Some commercial circuits include a special controlled-discharge circuit, that  
periodically takes a massive discharge current from the cells. Apparently  
this is known as 'battery-burping', its purpose is to remove gas bubbles that  
form on the plates of wet- or gel-electrolyte cells. If you want to experiment  
with this, a suitable circuit could use a 555 as an astable, with a very  
asymmetric duty-cycle (100:1) and a suitable relay & load-resistor to  
shunt across the cell for brief periods.

-Peter J.M. Lucas NERC Computer Services Swindon England  
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Date: 21 Sep 93 06:51:47 GMT  
From: ogicse!uwm.edu!cs.utexas.edu!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: New Extra  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Hi,  
Just upgraded last nite to Extra, and a question came up. I just received the QSL cards that I ordered when I got my tech+, 2 mos ago. I am changing my call. I guess I was foolish for ordering the cards when I did, but I just had to have em. Can I continue to use the cards after my new call arrives by noting the new call on the card in some way? Is this considered a valid QSL?

Also, what is the current turnaround rate for ARRL/FCC on license upgrades and call sige reissues? Based on the information in Sep QST, it looks like I may end up with a call in the AA3I? range. About right?

Thanks,  
Joe (landisj@drager.com)  
N3PQY/AE, soon to be AA3??

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Date: 21 Sep 1993 12:01:51 GMT  
From: swrinde!elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!news.larc.nasa.gov!lerc.nasa.gov!lerc.nasa.gov!news@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Novatel Cell Phone to 33cm  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Does anyone out there remember seeing a posting about converting a NOVATEL cell phone to 902mhz amateur service? I remember a few years back seeing a posting from someone who worked a NOVATEL or maybe even a Novatel ham radio club describing a eeprom that was available for this conversion. Does anyone have any information on this? 73 George

Voice # 216-433-8473 "views expressed are personal  
Ùfax# 216-433-6106 and not those endorsed by NASA"  
packet ke8yx@no8m.neoh.usa.na

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Date: 21 Sep 93 13:36:29 GMT  
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu  
Subject: qsl route for 9A30K  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I am looking for any QSL info for 9A30K, direct or bureau. Any help will be appreciated

the views expressed here are the author's

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"we have met the enemy and he is us." w. kelly

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Date: Tue, 21 Sep 93 13:25:41 GMT  
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Subject: Replacing my CSCE...  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <CDotzD.DEF@fiu.edu> if438819@solix.fiu.edu (Bradford L. Barrett) writes:

> I have a quick question for one of you VE's out there... I received  
>my license about 2 years ago (Tech w/Hf) however I live in South Florida  
>and my home was destroyed by Hurricane Andrew last year. I managed to  
>find my license and CSCE in a briefcase but they were wet, smeared and  
>covered with mold (basically unreadable). I do have a -copy- of the orig.  
>license including the -baby- one I keep in my wallet, but I was wondering  
>if I need to try to get another CSCE showing I passed the CW. Dosen't the  
>FCC have on file that I have the CW, or do I need to show the CSCE in  
>case they question my use of 10M? Thanks in advance...  
>Brad  
>KD4NAW

The CSCE is the ONLY proof you have as a Technician that you have the HF priveledges associated with passing the 5wpm CW test. Technical speaking, even if you are in your car operation 10 mter mobile you are supposed to have your FCC license AND the 5wpm CSCE with you. The FCC says a photocopy is OK, so I would suggest you try to get another CSCE from the folks that issued the one you had. Hopefully they may have the records to be able to simply go back and check.

Your situation is a good example of the potential problem down the road for a tech that hasn't upgraded for many years. If you lose the CSCE, or if it is destroyed, you have no proof of your being licensed for HF operation. That's good reason to consider having your CSCE laminated to preserve it, or to make copies of the original CSCE and then keep the original in a safe deposit box or some other place where the prospect

of it being lost or damaged is very slight.

Standard Disclaimer- Any opinions, etc. are mine and NOT my employer's.

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From: gatech!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!howland.reston.ans.net!torn!utnut!utgpu!  
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<1993Sep20.202415.3363@schbbs.mot.com>

Subject : Re: Who Wrote Scratchi?

In article <1993Sep20.202415.3363@schbbs.mot.com> Curtis\_Eickerman-P11578@email.mot.com (Curtis Eickerman) writes:

><Stuff deleted>

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>I don't know anything about Scratchi, but I believe the writer of the Carl  
>and Jerry series in Popular Electronics was Herb S. Brier. Its been a lot  
>of years ago but that name seems to be the by-line I remember.

>

>Curtis, WB6PUS

I think the Carl and Jerry stories were written by John T. Frye.  
He also did the "Mac's Service Shop" in Radio and TV News.

Herb Brier was the conductor of the CQ "novice" column.

I recall lots of speculation about who wrote "Scratchi" about the time  
it was discontinued. In one CQ editorial Wayne Green put up about  
two paragraphs of "history" ending with:

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Gentlemen, the author of Scratchi is:

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but of course there was no page 129 in that issue of CQ.

73 de Ed K9JMA

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Subject : Re: Neighborhood watch groups

I wrote:

>>However, if you're a repeater owner  
>>and do not want a public service group on your machine, it's only common  
>>courtesy (dare I say "obligation"?) to help that group find a more suitable  
>>(or more accommodating) repeater.

john@anasazi.com (John R. Moore) writes:

>I don't think that a repeater owner should be any more required to help  
>a group find another machine. After all, being a repeater owner doesn't  
>give him some special insight into repeaters in general.

No, but chances are pretty good that repeater owners know who's running what repeaters, and which repeaters are getting little use. That's not necessarily a given, but IMHO any repeater operator who is interested in setting up a repeater for more than his/her ego would try to keep in touch with other local operators -- if for no other reason than to share info about sites/new equipment/lightning damage/etc. Is that an unreasonable assumption?

>Furthermore, I don't think most neighborhood watch groups even need a  
>repeater. Just how big IS a neighborhood, anyway?

Depends on where you are. My "neighborhood" is in a mostly-rural area and covers several square miles. I'm sure you have such places in Arizona. :-)  
In a suburban setting, simplex or the dual-band approach I suggested in another post would suffice.... Which would most likely cover the majority of cases, so you make a good point.

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Larry Kollar, KC4WZK | I like CW, but that doesn't mean I think every ham  
lkollar@nyx.cs.du.edu | should have to learn it.

"You mean you came back from the dead, to tell me I'm \*odd\*?"

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